

In Touch



The earth is the Lords

With countries beginning to recognise the climate crisis that we're experiencing this months InTouch has an environmental focus.

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and help us to act for the good of future generations and for all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love.



Dates For Your Diary

1 st June	Breathing Space Greenacres
5 th June	World Environment Day https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/
6 th June	The Time is Now https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/thetimeisnow
30 th May - 9 th June	Thy Kingdom Come https://www.thykingdomcome.global
17 th -23 rd June	Refugee Week http://refugeeweek.org.uk/
12 th - 14 th July	Council, Nottingham

News from Assembly 2019

Rev Martin Spain welcomed our new President, Rev Dr Janet Wootton. Rev Suzanne Nockels was announced as President-Elect and there was much rejoicing as Sian Lampard, Audrey Lee, Ruth Leeming and Sue Raynor were received on to the Roll of Ministries. We wish them every blessing. Congratulations also go to the winners of Serving the Community Awards, Hope Community Church, Bristol in the South West Midlands Area, New Maria Congregational Church, Neath in Wales, and Greenacres Congregational Church, Oldham in the North West Area.

World Environment Day 5th June

'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.' Psalm 24:1

World Environment Day is the U N day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment. Since 1974, the event has grown to become widely celebrated in over 100 countries. Could your church make this the day to launch their own 'environment project'?
<https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland - Environment resources.

CTBI provides links to Christian organisations and development agencies involved in environment and climate change issues, plus web pages and information

provided by the churches.

<https://ctbi.org.uk/environment-links>

Plant a tree for future generations

Inspired by world environmental day and as an encouragement to churches who would like to launch an environmental project we at the church support team would like to offer churches the opportunity to plant a tree, somewhere in their church grounds or as part of the national forest. We could provide a tree that you then plant or gets planted on your behalf but ideally we would like to come to your church and plant a tree together with you as part of worship. If you are at all interested in this idea please do contact us.

A Rocha is a Christian conservation organization that started in Portugal in 1983 (where A Rocha means 'the rock'). It now works in many countries around the world, operating by means of distinctively Christian projects and with a variety of partners. It is involved in scientific research, environmental education and community-based conservation projects. In Jan 2016 it launched Eco Church in partnership with Christian Aid, the Church of England, the Methodist Church and Tearfund.
<https://arocha.org.uk>

Eco church awards have resources that give lots of support and advice about how to make the changes your church needs to become an Eco Church. Both Wivenhoe and Market Harborough are

currently working towards an Eco Church Award and there are three levels – Bronze, Silver and Gold. In order to qualify for an Award, churches must attain the required standard in each of the areas covered by the Eco Survey that apply to your church (some churches do not have buildings or land). Much more info can be found at <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/how-eco-church-works/>

Abundant Life Publication

All Congregational Federation churches have received a copy of the Congregational Federation Publication Abundant Life. If your church has already used the book for worship, church Bible study, or individual Bible study we would love to hear from you.

Topics in the book include:
How to live well with others
How to live well with our earth
How to live well with money
If you would like further copies of Abundant Life, please contact us.

Thy Kingdom Come

30 May - 9 June 2019
The global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray for more people to come to know Jesus Christ continues.

This suggestion is called :Pray for 5
Prayerfully choose 5 people to pray for
Take a cord and tie a knot in it for each person, praying for them as you do so.
Write their names on a card to remind you
Wear or carry the cord to remind you to pray daily for your 5people.

www.thykingdomcom.global